GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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CAPACITY OF COAL EXPLORATION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had asked the Coal India Ltd. to expand its capacity of coal exploration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the demand for coal is likely to be increased manifolds in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a & b): Yes, Sir. CMPDIL`s existing exploratory drilling capacities of 2 lakh meters per annum is proposed to be doubled to 4 lakh meters per annum both through outsourcing and departmental procurement of high capacity drills.

(c to e): The coal demand is projected to increase from 474.18 million tpnne in the terminal year 2006-07 of the Tenth Five Year plan to 731 million tonne in the terminal year 2011-12 of the Eleventh Five Year plan. This demand is proposed to be met through augmentation of domestic production and some imports. The coal production is planned to increase from 431 million tonne in 2006-07 to 680 million tonne in 2011-12.